



Hello!

I have worked at the ESPC for just over a year. I spend my time in the ESPC Showroom on George Street and also in the Customer Service Department, advising people on the different areas of Edinburgh, different types of properties and helping them to find their dream home.

Many of the best memories that people have are often connected with a particular time and place in their life. It is often the case that this place is in their own home. Following the launch of the exciting new advertising campaign from ESPC, we have taken the opportunity to do a little reminiscing of our own. Below, some of the ESPC staff share a fond memory of their own home, with Fiona proving that life really does need a great venue.

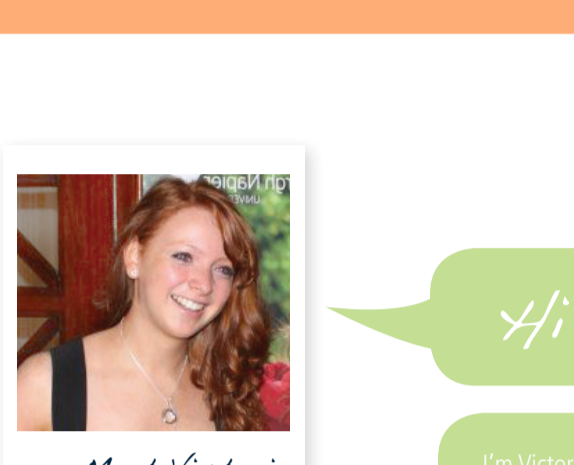


Hello!

My name is Paul Hilton. I am the Head of Sales at the ESPC and have worked here for about twelve years.

**Favourite Place**

My kitchen is my favourite room in my flat as it is where I cooked my first meal by myself. As with learning any new skill there was a little bit of trial and error. I played relatively safe and settled on vegetable paella. I was absolutely delighted when I lifted the lid to discover that it wasn't burnt, and even slightly resembled the picture in the cook book!



Since this memorable occasion, my culinary skills have progressed rapidly and I am now proud to say that I am the owner for 4 cook books.



**Tip 1**

Find out how much you can borrow by visiting a member of the ESPC Mortgage team, then choose the best mortgage deal to suit your circumstances. Visit [espc.com/advice](http://espc.com/advice) for more mortgage advice.

**Favourite Memory**

My mum, dad and girlfriend had the pleasure of tasting the paella and all gave it rave reviews, with my mum being particularly impressed at my new found cooking ability. Since this memorable occasion, my culinary skills have progressed rapidly and I am now proud to say that I am the owner for 4 cook books. My speciality dishes include a range of curries and risottos together with a wide variety of soups. Given a little more time, I think I will be well on the way to becoming a master chef.



Hi!

I'm Victoria Cameron and I have been a Graphic Designer at the ESPC for a year now.

**Favourite Place**

My favourite place is my garden. I have enjoyed many a barbecue and lots of long summer nights here with all my friends and family. The garden is really remote as it has no other houses surrounding it so is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the summer.

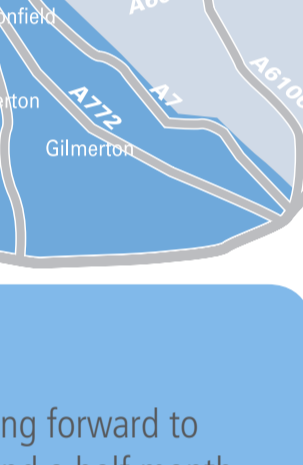


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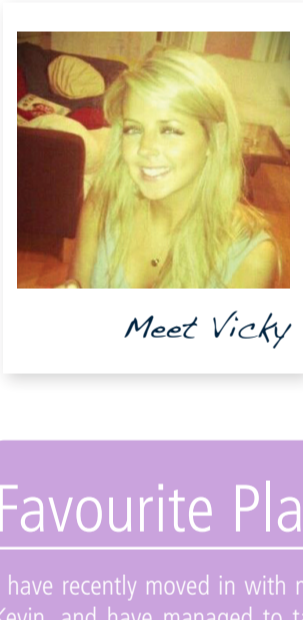
**Favourite Memory**

Amongst many happy memories of summers spent in my garden, the memory which stands out as the best for me is the day my sister Kirsten got married. We have a big conservatory which opens out to the garden and on the morning of the wedding, me, my sister, my mum and dad, the two bridesmaids and the flower girl all got ready together for the big day. The weather was all perfect and we had a toast to my sister in the garden and all wished her luck for her wedding day. It wouldn't have been a wedding day without one funny little twist which kept us all on our toes - the boiler broke! So along with the well-dressed bridal party who all had to endure a freezing cold shower, there was one other person who got to enjoy the celebrations... the plumber!



**Tip 2**

Did you know that [espc.com](http://espc.com) gets 700,000 visits per month? Find all the latest properties for sale in East Central Scotland all in one place with ESPC.



Hello!

I'm David Marshall. I am a Business Analyst at the ESPC and have worked here for about eight and a half years.

**Favourite Place**

My open plan kitchen/living room is my favourite room in my flat simply because in it you can find the following items: a PC, a fridge, a television, a cooker and a whisky collection, which I personally think is all one really needs at home. I enjoy a variety of whiskeys but the one which tops the list for me is a Caol Ila single malt from Islay.



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**Favourite Memory**

I enjoy chilling out and relaxing in my flat and I am most looking forward to having my three and a half month old nephew Calum stay with me for a few days while my brother and sister-in-law go on holiday. Having racked my brains for ideas of how to entertain a three and a half month old, I think I will take him to the park and to the canal to feed the ducks as I have a feeling he might not quite be ready for whiskey tasting just yet. I am hoping that by some miracle Calum (at three and a half months) has learned how to use the toilet, as I'm not sure my nappy changing skills are up to much!

**Tip 3**

Get all your **free expert advice** from ESPC. Everything from financial to buying and selling and legal advice is available from experts in both our ESPC showrooms in Edinburgh and Dunfermline.



Hi!

I am Vicky Livingstone and I am the Sales Team Leader in the Edinburgh Showroom. I have worked at the ESPC for just over two years now and started off in Customer Services before I moved into my current position.

**Favourite Place**

I have recently moved in with my boyfriend Kevin, and have managed to talk him into refurbishing one of his bedrooms into a dressing room for me, which I like to call "my room." I was given free rein to select my own decoration and fill the room with all my own things, so taking full advantage of this (and before Kevin could change his mind), I wasted no time filling it up with makeup, perfume, clothes and shoes.



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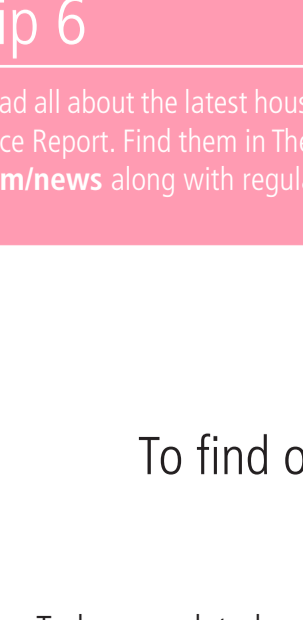


**Favourite Memory**

As the move into my new house is still fairly recent, I haven't made a lot of memories in it yet. However, as I am still settling in and sometimes miss my old flat, "my room" makes me feel like I am at home and I anticipate that it will be an excellent location for a few drinks and a place to get ready with my friends before many a night out. I have however been warned that there will be hell to pay if I spill any fake tan on the new carpet!

**Tip 4**

Buyer activity has continued to increase sharply according to ESPC House Price Reports. The number of homes sold through ESPC between June and August 2013 was 35.9% higher than during the same period in 2012. Get on board with other buyers at [espc.com](http://espc.com)



Hi!

My name is Jamie Pemberton and I am the Customer Services Team Manager. I have worked at the ESPC for around eight and a half years.

**Favourite Place**

My favourite space in my flat is my balcony as I can sit out there from February to October (not continuously, I do allow myself to go inside occasionally) and just watch the world go by. It is on the third floor so I have the perfect view of Arthur's Seat and the Pentlands. I also indulge in the occasional laugh at the inexperienced boat drivers whose navigational skills sometimes lead them into the side of other boats in the canal.



Every year at the end of the Edinburgh festival, there is a big fireworks display and one of my favourite memories is watching the fireworks from the comfort of my own balcony with my friends and family. It's the ideal location for this as we have a great view of the show, and there's no standing in long queues required when our celebratory drinks need topped up!



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**Tip 5**

Did you know that you can find property through three different ESPC Marketing channels? The ESPC Paper, The ESPC Showrooms and our fantastic website [espc.com](http://espc.com). Find your dream property anywhere, anytime with ESPC!



Hi!

My name is Lisa Venter and I have worked as a Media Relations Consultant for the ESPC for just over a year.

**Favourite Place**

My living room is my favourite room in our flat as it is extremely warm and snug which makes it feel very homely.



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My most exciting and memorable experience of my living room would definitely have to be the day that my husband Willem asked me to move in. We literally had no furniture (having just moved in) and having to go straight back into normal day to day life, I didn't have a chance to 'nest'. We saw a lovely old couch in a second hand store but upon enquiring we were told it was already taken. A day later I returned home expecting an empty flat and when I got home, Willem directed me into the living room where there was a lovely couch sitting there as a surprise for me. The room was covered in candles (which I thought was a little extravagant just to celebrate a new couch!) However Willem then pointed to the top of the fireplace where there was a little box sitting. I opened it up and realised it was an engagement ring. The rest, as they say, is history.

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To find out more tips on finding the home to make your favourite memories in, visit [espc.com](http://espc.com)

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